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Methodist Episcopal Church
on War and World Peace

Constructive program for the creation of
International Good Will



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What the Bible Says

The Ancient Prophets Saw the End of War

Isaiah 2: 4—

And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Jesus Condemned War by Condemning the Use of the Sword

Matthew 26: 50-52—

And Jesus said unto him, Friend, wherefore art thou come? Then came they, and laid hands on Jesus, and took him.

And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear.

Then said Jesus, unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.

Jesus Condemned War by Advocating Universal Brotherhood

John 13: 34-35—

A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

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"THIS IS WAR"

War
I abhor,
And yet how sweet
The sound along the marching street
Of drum and fife; and I forget
Wet eyes of widows, and forget
Broken old mothers, and the whole
Dark butchery without a soul—

Without a soul—save this bright drink
Of heady music, sweet as death;
And even my peace-abiding feet
Go marching with the marching street,
For yonder goes the fife,
And what care I for human life!

The tears fill my astonished eyes
And my full heart is like to break,
And yet 'tis all embannered lies,
A dream those little drummers make.

O, it is wickedness to clothe
Yon hideous grinning thing that stalks
Hidden in music, like a queen
That in a garden of glory walks,
Till good men love the thing they loathe.

Art, thou hast many infamies,
But not an infamy like this—
O, snap the fife and still the drum,
And show the monster as she is!

—*Richard Le Gallienne.*

Methodism and World Peace

Our aim in the publication of this pamphlet is to make easy of access, to all who are interested, the official position of the Methodist Episcopal Church on the subject of war and world peace, for every loyal Methodist desires to know what his Church has said and done relative to this momentous question; to give a summary statement of peace education material now available in our program of religious education in Church School and Epworth League text books and literature; to outline briefly the program of the World Peace Commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church; to give suggestions for the work of Annual Conference Committees on International Relations; to render help to Quarterly Conference Committees on International Relations in the Local Church.

We hope it will be the means of creating more interest among our Methodist people in this major problem of reform, and also suggestive of ways in which they may be of service to the Christian crusade for a warless world.

The most urgent need of our time is the achievement of enduring world peace. War-weary nations the world over eagerly await its coming. The world looks to America as leader. "The people called Methodists" are one of the major Christian groups of America and must carry a large share of the responsibility involved in this high achievement. Recognizing Methodism's duty in this direction, the last two General Conferences faced the situation squarely and planned to take up the task.

The pronouncements of these two General Conferences should be carefully studied by every Methodist. They are epoch making and far reaching. They set a goal that is challenging to the bravest heart. They summon Methodists, and all others as well, to a loyalty to Christ and his spirit of universal brotherhood that cannot be ignored.

OFFICIAL STATEMENTS

The following resolutions give the official position of the Methodist Episcopal Church on the question of War and World Peace:

General Conference Statement—1924

Millions of our fellow men have died heroically in a "war to end war." What they undertook must be finished by methods of peace. War is not inevitable. It is the supreme enemy of mankind. Its futility is beyond question. Its continuance is the suicide of civilization. We are determined to outlaw the whole war system.

Christian Support Conditional

The patriotism of the Methodist Episcopal Church has never been challenged. Neither our motives nor our loyalty must be impugned when we insist on the fulfillment of pledges made to the dead and assert our Christian ideals for the living. Governments which ignore the

Christian conscience of men in time of peace cannot justly claim the lives of men in time of war. Secret diplomacy and political partisanship must not draw men into the dilemma of deciding between support of country and loyalty to Christ.

The Will to Peace

The world is now open to a crusade of peace. War-weary nations everywhere are eagerly waiting. America should lead the way. The Nation and the Church can do now what they may never be able to do again.

We set ourselves to create the will to peace. We recommend that a prayer for peace be prepared and used at every communion service. Through its educational program, our Church must do its full share to mold the present youth of all races into a peace-loving generation. We shall launch an aggressive campaign to teach the nature, causes and consequences of war. The glorification of war must end.

Conditions for Peace

We set ourselves to create the conditions for peace. Selfish nationalism, economic imperialism and militarism must cease. We demand the establishment of the principle that conscription of wealth and labor must be the counterpart of any future conscription of human life. As great odium must be put upon the war profiteer as is put upon the slacker. The protection of special privileges secured by investors in foreign lands has too often imperiled the peace of nations. The source of danger must be prevented. The rights of the smallest nation must be held as sacred as those of the strongest. We hold the cause of peace dearer than party allegiance, and we shall tolerate no dilatory or evasive attitudes on the part of those who represent us.

Organization for Peace

We set ourselves to create organization for peace. Grateful to our government for leadership in the movement toward reduction of armaments, and the promotion of tribunals for international arbitration, we insist upon a still more decided and aggressive policy in these directions. We urge the President of the United States to summon another Conference of the Nations for the more drastic reduction of armaments. We likewise urge upon the Senate the immediate entrance of the United States into the Permanent Court of International Justice. The participation of the United States in a League of Nations will receive our active aid. We call upon all our people to support for public office men pledged to secure these ends. The ballot and other direct processes of democracy must now be employed in securing a warless world.

A World Campaign

World Christianity is enlisting in the campaign for peace. We seek alliance with all the forces which make for the principles here advocated. We, therefore, propose that our Church now assume its full share of respon-

sibility by appointing at this General Conference a commission of twenty-five members, composed of five bishops, ten ministers, and ten laymen, authorized and instructed to invite the religious forces of the world to unite in a conference to consider the best plans and methods for making the impact of a world-wide religious sentiment against the evils we deplore.

World Brotherhood

The principles of brotherhood are plainly challenged. The progress of the Kingdom of Jesus Christ is clearly at stake. The issues are so momentous, the opportunity for leadership is so great, that we here and now call upon all people to avoid divisive and fruitless discussions and unite their energies in this great movement for a war-free world. To this sublime end we dedicate ourselves, and for its accomplishment we invoke the blessing of Almighty God.

GENERAL CONFERENCE STATEMENT—1928

Military Training and Government Postmarks

We record our appreciation of the efforts being made by the Government of the United States of America looking toward world peace. There are, however, certain policies now in vogue which tend to weaken these efforts, and against which we protest.

We are opposed to all military training in high schools and to compulsory military training in colleges and universities.

We are opposed to the advertising of military training camps by government postmarks on mail matter, the distribution of which in this and foreign countries tends to create a wrong impression regarding the attitude of the United States toward the spirit of universal peace.

Declaration on War

We rejoice in the efforts now being made by the United States and other governments to enter into compacts with other nations for the outlawry of war. We are convinced that war has become the supreme enemy of mankind. Its continuance is the suicide of civilization. We would utterly repudiate our professed faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, if we held that war is inevitable. War is not inevitable. Disputes between nations, like disputes between individuals, may be settled by judicial processes. We believe, therefore, that war should be made a public crime under the law of nations.

We recognize the need of an army and navy sufficient to serve as a police power for the protection of life and property on land and sea. But, as a Christian body, we "renounce war as an instrument of national policy," and set ourselves to create the will to peace. The agencies of our Church shall not be used in preparation for war. They shall be used in preparation for peace. We must do our full share to mold the present youth of all races into a peace loving generation. To this end we recommend that the Board of Bishops appoint a commission

on peace and world fellowship, consisting of seven ministers and eight laymen, and that this commission be empowered to employ an executive secretary and to secure from the General Conference Expense Fund a sufficient sum to finance its operations.

Preparation for war leads to war. We therefore urge the President of the United States to prepare for another Conference of Nations to secure a more drastic reduction of armaments of every kind. We adhere to the principle that diplomacy should be used instead of military intervention in our relations with other nations. The rights of the smallest nation must be held as sacred as those of the strongest.

We call upon our members as citizens to exert themselves to the utmost to secure the participation of their respective governments in a World Court which shall have affirmative jurisdiction over all international disputes, and shall develop and administer international law upon the basic principle that war is a crime. We urge upon our members their duty as citizens to secure the participation of their respective governments in an effective association of nations which shall undertake to remove the causes of war and to lead the world into the ways of peace.

WORLD PEACE COMMISSION QUADRENNIUM 1924-1928

The General Conference of 1924 appointed a World Peace Commission of twenty-five members and authorized and instructed it "to invite the religious forces of the world to unite in a conference to consider the best plans and methods of making the impact of a world-wide religious sentiment against the evils we deplore" (the war system). The General Conference did not appropriate funds for the expenses of this Commission. On that account it was greatly hindered. It succeeded, however, in interesting the Church Peace Union to address itself to this task. At this writing, November, 1930, plans are under way for a "World Conference for International Peace Through Religion," to be held in Washington, D. C., in the summer of 1932.

The Commission took active part in the National Study Conference on the Churches and World Peace, held in Washington, D. C., December, 1925. Out of this conference, consisting of a group of representatives from twenty-eight communions and presided over by Bishop William F. McDowell, Chairman of the Methodist Commission, there came strong pronouncements which were widely circulated and had a great influence throughout the Church in creating interest in the study of World Peace.

A communication was sent to all the Bishops and District Superintendents of Methodism, and to the Secretaries of all the Annual Conferences, calling their attention to the action of the General Conference, 1924, in requesting the appointment of a Committee on Interna-

tional Justice and Good Will by every Quarterly Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Commission urged that the Annual Conferences support this action of the General Conference and that the District Superintendents urge the appointment of this Committee. Such Committees were appointed by a great many Quarterly Conferences, but because it was not mandatory and was not published in the Discipline, many Churches failed to take action; but ■ beginning was made and the movement has continued to grow.

The Commission cooperated with the Committee on International Justice and Good Will of the Federal Council of Churches, and sent to all pastors a letter urging them to use a twelve page pamphlet which was enclosed, entitled, "What Pastors and Laymen can do in the Crusade for a Warless World."

The declaration of the General Conference of 1924 and the appointment of the Commission on World Peace was a long step toward influencing, not only our own Church, but others as well, in an earnest study of the whole subject. At the earnest request of the Commission peace literature began to appear in great abundance. Peace lessons were introduced into our Sunday School and Epworth League Publications. The whole movement gathered momentum and prepared the way for the appointment of the World Peace Commission in 1928, and the appropriation of funds for its work.

PEACE EDUCATION

(a) Epworth League Text Books and Literature

The Epworth League is definitely committed to the outlawry of war and the bringing in of World Peace. Its program has carried many topics dealing with this question. In local chapters, district and other conferences, world peace has been studied, discussed and championed. The Epworth League is cooperating with the other Christian young people's organizations of America in "The Crusade with Christ."

One of the chief objectives of "The Crusade with Christ" is world peace, "to win the warless world, to make international relations right, to focus the youth consciousness on the futility and stupidity of war, to unite the Christian youth-voice of America and the world, to demand the outlawry of war even as dueling, slavery, and beverage alcohol have been outlawed in America and other lands."

A recent comparative study of literature offered other groups of young people with that offered through the channels of the Epworth League publications to young people on the matter of war and peace, reveals the fact that the editors of our Epworth League literature are far in advance of almost every other group. It is impossible in this short space to give a complete survey, but the following summary will indicate how thoroughly the

Epworth League is committed to the problem of the outlawry of war.

The Epworth League Quarterly for October-December, 1929, published as part of the unit, "Getting More Out of Newspapers and Magazines," a topic entitled, "What Is Going On in World Affairs." This topic, dated for study on Armistice Sunday, endeavored to take a sane view into some of the incidents which led to the World War. "What Is Going On in World Affairs" clarifies some of the methods used to precipitate this international disaster, contrasting them with the methods under way to-day to bring about peace. The topic closes with suggestions of ways in which every Leaguer can promote peace in his own community.

The Epworth Herald has been rich in thought-compelling articles on almost every phase of the Peace question. "The Movies and World Peace" raised the question of what part the motion pictures are playing in the dissemination of propaganda both for and against peace. Frank discussions of the peace movement were treated in articles on "Youth and the Peace Pact," "Why the Present Concern About War?", "I Turned in My Commission" (an Epworthian tells why he gave up his R.O.T.C. commission), "England's Envoys of Peace," and "Armistice Day Eleven Years After."

The Herald of November 9, 1929, was almost entirely dedicated to the subject of world peace. It contained "The First Armistice Day," "Log of a Peace Caravaner," "The Horrors of War for R.O.T.C. Students," and "Thoughts for Armistice Day." An article entitled "A Glimpse of the Next War, if There Is One," presented a picture of the horrors of another war, fought with aircraft and poison that would wipe out cities in a few moments.

The early 1930 issues of the Epworth Herald have carried two articles on peace, "Knights of the Prince of Peace," a discussion of an international camp where good will and friendship work for peace, and "Ten Years Old and Grown Up," a survey of the League of Nations.

In addition to special material printed in the Herald, there have been numerous news items which create an atmosphere of genuine understanding among the young people of all lands. The Social Service and Citizenship department page offers vital suggestions for the work of the Epworth Leagues in the cause of peace. The Epworth League publications will contain many valuable contributions concerning the entire international movement during 1930 and 1931.

The Department of Epworth League and Young People's Work has put out a study unit on "War," an undated six weeks' course. The material includes a discussion on "What Is War Like?", "Why Do We Go to War?", "What Are the Causes of These 'Causes'?" (a probing into the causes of war), "Balancing Gains and Losses," "Preparing for the Future—The Method

of Coercion," and "Preparing for the Future—The Method of Co-operation."

"Thinking It Through," by Evelyn Riley Nicholson, one of the Christian Comradeship Series of the Epworth League, is perhaps one of the finest books available for young people on the question of war and peace.

The Intermediate Units, H-2, "Bible and War," ■ three-weeks' unit for Intermediate study helping young people to understand the spirit of Jesus as related to war, in view of all the stories of war which are found in the Bible, and H-3, "How Can We Work for Peace?" ■ unit for three weeks' study to help Intermediates think about the ways in which they can work for peace, have proven very useful in work among children.

The Epworth League publications have also furnished an unusual amount of worthwhile material on race relations and world mindedness, which are so very essential if our work for peace is to be permanent. No attempt is made here to list the materials which have been published on that question, but a very worthwhile service has been rendered at this point.

Frequent editorials in the Epworth Herald make valuable contributions to the cause of world peace.

(b) Church School Text Books and Literature

A study of our current and recent Church-school literature indicates that the development of the will to peace in our children, young people, and older students has been held very prominently in attention. Studies of our lesson courses and supplementary literature indicate that there is continual and close attention given to this problem. These studies, covering the year 1929 and the early part of 1930, may be summarized as follows:

Story Papers

All our story papers have made frequent use of articles, poems and stories designed to contribute to wholesome and Christian attitudes toward people of other races and other nations. This training of attitudes we consider fundamental to any program of peace education.

Especially in *The Classmate*, we are devoting considerable space to a more direct attempt to influence our readers in behalf of the practical projects contributing to world peace.

The book by Winifred Hulburt, entitled, "Cease Firing," consisting of a series of stories having to do with the developing projects for world peace, appeared serially in all three of the story papers.

In a study of the young people's story papers for 1929 it is found that in *The Classmate* there were five stories directly promoting world peace and many other stories tending to develop good will among national and racial groups. There were sixteen articles, six poems, seven editorials, and two pages of book reviews, on world peace matters.

The Portal, our paper for girls, contained two serial

stories, amounting to seventeen chapters, that distinctly tend toward international and interracial understanding, and twenty-five short stories, besides fourteen articles, two poems, one editorial, and two book reviews.

The Target, the corresponding story paper for boys, had fifteen stories, nine articles, six editorials, and two poems. Especial attention is given in the story papers to the issues centering in Armistice Day and Christmas.

Monthly Magazines

Our monthly magazines give special attention to the problems of international relationships, interracial attitudes, and world peace. Each of the magazines gives special attention in the January issue to the interests of world service, involving many elements of peace education.

The Church School Journal has published many articles and editorials throughout the year devoted to the development of better international understanding and discussions of educational policies involved in developing Christian attitudes toward world peace and world relationships. Among the articles for 1929 are such titles as: "An Adventure in Friendliness," "Christian Patriotism: A Re-interpretation," "Citizenship in World Terms." Editorials, on such subjects as "International Friendship in the New Graded Lessons" and "The Test of Civilization," gave prominence to the program for peace education.

The Adult Bible Class Monthly has had many articles in the interest of understanding various foreign peoples and such special articles and editorials on world peace as: "Methods of the Military Machine," "Taking the Profit Out of War," "Is Our Army Dangerous?"; besides many short articles, editorials, and poems. A thorough emphasis upon world peace was given in the November, 1929, issue.

The Elementary Magazine has published quite a number of stories tending to develop friendly attitudes toward people of other lands, and has had, since October, 1929, a monthly section of seven pages on missionary education that contains valuable material.

In February, 1930, appeared an important article on war and peace in *The Hymnal*, by Benjamin S. Winchester. A very significant cover design is being used on all the issues of 1930. This consists of two globes, one showing the Eastern and one the Western Hemisphere, bound together by cords that constitute the border of the cover page and symbolize the binding together of all nations. The following stanza appears on each of the covers:

What are the children learning
Alike in the East and the West?
That a Father's hand is o'er sea and land;
That of all things, Love is best.

Uniform Lesson Publications

In our Uniform Lesson publications there are frequent

missionary lessons that are used in the interest of international understanding. Lessons are also frequently included that are definitely related to the problems of world peace. Mention may be made of the following titles in 1929: "Working for World Peace," "Treating Those of Other Races as We Should Like to Be Treated," "What Is True Patriotism?"

In 1930 the following titles appear: "Our Marching Orders," "Our Neighbors of Other Races," "What Is True Patriotism," "Being Fair to Other Races."

Group Lesson Publications for Children

The Group Lessons for primary children in 1929 include lessons on "Being Kind to a Stranger" and "God's Love for All People" that have a distinct value in developing the attitudes that make for peace. Similar titles for 1930 are: "God's Care in All Lands," "Being Good Neighbors?" and "Sharing the Church in Other Lands."

The Junior Group Lessons for 1929 include a distinct group of lessons running from May 26 to June 30, entitled, "Adventures in Friendliness," the aim of which is stated to be: "To encourage among the juniors a spirit of friendliness and good will toward people of all races and social classes and to suggest opportunities of expression." In addition there is a lesson on "Trading With Many Lands."

In 1930 there is a junior lesson on "Jesus' Way of Meeting Unfriendliness," one on "Isaac, the Peacemaker," and a Christmas lesson entitled, "The Prince of Peace."

Intermediate Group Lessons

The Intermediate Group Lessons as published in *The Intermediate Quarterly* included in 1929 the following: "How About War?", "Good Will to People of Other Races," "The Higher Patriotism," "Jonah's Lesson in World Brotherhood." In 1930 there are lessons on "Fair Dealing with Other Races and Nations," and "The God of All Nations."

Senior Group Lessons

The Senior Group Lessons, as published in *Studies for Youth*, included in 1929 the following titles: "The Bible in Many Languages," "The Interdependence of the World," "The Christian Spirit and the World's Workers," "Christianity in International Relations," "Experimenting in World Democracy," "Peace and Good Will Through Christian Missions."

In 1930 appear the topics: "Jesus' Attitude Toward the Foreigner," "Pioneers of a Larger Faith" (including Jonah), and "Can Christianity Overcome Race Prejudice?"

Elementary Graded Lessons

An examination of the new Graded Lessons will make clear that there is extensive provision for the development of wholesome attitudes. Thus in the primary courses there are many lessons in which pupils are provided with wholesome information concerning the people

of other lands. This is also true of the junior courses. No less than seventeen lessons in the primary courses are devoted to the development of such attitudes, and thirty lessons in the junior courses seek to develop friendly attitudes toward children and older people of other races and lands.

We wish to call especial attention to Junior Course VI, Part 4, entitled, "Friends in Many Lands." The Pupils' Text Book and the Teacher's Text Book of this course should both be on the library table of every home in Methodism. It is undoubtedly the best course ever offered to juniors on the subject of world peace. It begins with a study of the National Independence Day of Czechoslovakia, together with a study of our own National Independence Day, and the high national days as recorded in biblical literature. It discusses such topics as "Getting the Other Person's Point of View," "Neighbors in Other Lands," "Being Helpful to Others When They Are in Trouble," "Making New Friends Feel at Home," "Being Generous With Strangers," "Learning to Judge Others Fairly," "Learning to Be Unselfish," and closes with a study of the Paris Peace Pact as a means toward creating world-wide and universal friendship in all the lands of the earth. A boy or a girl who imbibes the spirit of this course will be a world citizen. Every adult in Methodism should study the course carefully, as well as juniors.

Graded Lessons for Intermediates

The Intermediate Graded Lessons include a series of lessons in Course VII with such titles as "No More Walled Towns," "Helping People to Understand Each Other," and "Reasons for War and Methods for Peace," and many other lessons definitely devoted to world peace.

Course VIII includes many elements of peace education that are thoroughly integrated with the total material. For example, in Part 2, the study of the Hebrew prophets involves the whole matter of fundamental right and justice.

Course IX, centering in the life of Jesus, presents the teachings of Jesus in their wide application to social problems. For example, in the lesson entitled, "New Hopes for Old" is a section, "How Wide Is the Kingdom?" that is of great value in developing a wholesome attitude toward other nations and races. Another chapter on "Breaking Circles Wide Open" has a similar importance. There are other lessons that discuss "The 'Mustard Seed' of Brotherhood" and the principles of service that always characterize the teachings of Jesus.

Senior Graded Lessons

In Course X there are various world peace emphases. One lesson describes the adventures of the early Christian Church in the interest of friendly international relationships, while other studies concerning early Christian leaders and the later development of Christian leadership utilize many opportunities for instruction in world peace. One very interesting element in this course is the de-

velopment of the idea that one great reason why so many centuries intervened between Thales and Archimedes, the early scientific thinkers of Greece, and the period of Copernicus and Galileo and later scientists, is that civilization was constantly being checked and hindered by war. This course shows that throughout the Middle Ages the best brains were drafted into armies and the few scholars and thinkers became non-progressive followers of tradition and precedent. This course will also consider the significance of the "holy wars" and the Christian attitude toward progressive and creative thinkers.

Course XI contains such lessons as "Appreciating Other Groups and Races," and "What the World Today Needs from Christianity," while Course XII discusses such topics as "War or World Brotherhood," "Man's Place in the World," "Other Races," "Good American and World Citizen."

Current Plans

The editors are thoroughly convinced of the great importance of emphasizing in the Church school those elements of applied Christianity without which our present day civilization would be in serious danger. Therefore, by direct instruction and the indirect leadership of stories and other materials in all our publications, they are trying to do their part to develop a generation of world-minded young people who shall carry on to higher interpretations and applications the teachings of the great Prince of Peace.

PROGRAM OF WORLD PEACE COMMISSION 1928-1932

When the General Conference, in Kansas City, May, 1928, authorized the appointment of a World Peace Commission and appropriated funds for its use, it was specifically stated by the Chairman of the "Committee on the State of the Church," President Daniel L. Marsh, of Boston University, that the program contemplated was to be educational.

The Commission has planned its work accordingly and is developing a program as outlined below:

1. Prepare or see that text books are prepared to be used as elective courses in Sunday school classes. The bibliography in the back of this booklet describes a text book, "Thinking It Through," which is arranged into 13 lessons with scriptural references and questions for discussion.

HIGHWAYS TO INTERNATIONAL GOODWILL. This book, by Rev. Walter W. Van Kirk, is the most up-to-date book discussing ways and means to International Understanding and Good Will. As its name signifies it points out highways that lead to International Good Will such as education, economics, diplomacy, science, the Church, etc. It has thirteen chapters and is adaptable for use in Church school classes, Church training night courses, mid-week prayer services and various study groups. A teacher's manual has been prepared by Dr. Albert E. Kirk, of the Board of Education.

FOUR PEACE PLAYS WITH WORSHIP SERVICES. These plays were prepared for the World Peace Commission and their aim is to dramatize the high ideals of International Good Will in an atmosphere of worship. They are adaptable for mid-week programs and Sunday evening services.

Bishop McConnell has been secured to write a textbook which we expect will be available by October 1, 1931. The book has already been authorized by the Curriculum Committee.

It is the plan of the Commission to make available from time to time text books on various phases of the subject of World Peace. Announcements will be made as these are ready for distribution.

2. As outlined elsewhere in this booklet the Epworth League and Sunday school text books and literature have a great deal of peace education material. The editors of these publications have offered and are now giving close and sympathetic co-operation with the Commission in the development of more peace material for these various text books and publications.
3. The Commission plans in co-operation with other educational agencies of the Church to see that there are made available programs for special days, such as Fourth of July, Armistice Day, World Good Will Day, and other special days, that offer opportunities for particular consideration of the subject of International Good Will.
4. The Commission, through the courtesy of the various editors of our Church publications, plans to publish from time to time articles and local Church programs dealing with various phases of world peace.
5. It is the hope of the Commission that there shall be appointed by every Quarterly Conference in Methodism a Committee on International Justice and Good Will. The Commission is prepared to assist the work of such Committees by furnishing them a bibliography of books and pamphlets to be used by reading circles and study groups and give general direction and aid to the committees in getting the Church to study the question of world peace.

It is the desire of the Commission to interest the whole Church in a careful and persistent study of the subject of war and world peace in all its phases. We believe that if the Church will make careful study of the subject, be fully informed as to the futility, the horrors and atrocities of modern warfare, and have full knowledge of pacific means now available for the settlement of international controversies, it will make a vigorous and effective effort to create an intelligent public opinion which will make effective the Paris Peace Pact and assist the government in keeping its pledge of high honor to "condemn recourse to war for the solution of international controversies."

ANNUAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON WORLD PEACE

It is the desire of the World Peace Commission that there be appointed in every Annual Conference a Committee charged with the responsibility of keeping the subject before the Conference and to see to it that such actions and resolutions as the local situation demands be passed by the Annual Conference. It should study the subject of military training in high schools and colleges within its bounds, and see to it that the public is

informed regarding the exact situations in local educational institutions, and make clear the position of the Methodist Church, namely, "We are opposed to all military training in high schools, and compulsory military training in colleges and universities."

It is the duty of this committee to keep in touch with the District Superintendents and urge upon them the necessity of the appointment of a Quarterly Conference Committee on International Relations in every Local Church as far as possible. In brief, the committee should keep the subject alive in the Annual Conference and assist as far as possible in securing an active, earnest, Quarterly Conference Committee in every Local Church.

Quarterly Conference Committee on World Peace

The General Conference of 1924 passed a resolution requesting the appointment of a Committee on International Justice and Good Will by every Quarterly Conference in Methodism. As this was a request and not mandatory, the editor of the Discipline did not make it a part of the Quarterly Conference business, nor was the action printed in the Discipline. It is found, however, on page 600 of the General Conference Journal, 1924.

It is safe to say that this action of the General Conference was in harmony with the spirit of the Church which was increasingly demanding the study of the whole question of international relations.

The World Peace Commission has asked the District Superintendents to have appointed, as far as possible, Committees on World Peace in the Local Churches. The duties of such a committee might be outlined as follows:

1. To make available to members of the Local Church books and pamphlets dealing with such subjects as the futility and horror of modern warfare, and especially such subjects as pacific means now available for the solution of international controversies, such as the Hague Tribunal, League of Nations, World Court, Pan-American Conference and the Paris Peace Pact. It might conduct a circulating library on some plan adaptable to the local situation. Some Churches have purchased the books and loaned them free; others have charged small amounts for use of the books and in this way secured funds for the operation of the library. The bibliography in the back of this pamphlet will give aid in selecting such library. The World Peace Commission is prepared to make further suggestions for those desiring to pursue a more elaborate course.
2. To interest Sunday school classes in electing courses on the subject of International Justice and Good Will. At this writing, "Thinking It Through," World Peace Commission Edition, and "Highways to International Good Will," listed in the bibliography of this pamphlet, are available for such studies. As noted elsewhere, Bishop McConnell is preparing a text book to be ready, we expect, the latter part of 1931. Other text books will be available in the future.
3. To co-operate with young people's organizations in the Church and to interest them in a study of the subject of International Good Will. To encourage them to use various lesson helps and special programs made available on the subject.

4. To co-operate with the pastor and other Church officers in the development of programs for special days such as the Fourth of July, Armistice Day, World Good Will Sunday, and other special days that offer opportunities for particular consideration of the subject of International Good Will. The World Peace Commission is prepared to make suggestions for these programs.
5. To see that publicity is given to special programs among the members of the Church and in the local press.
6. To secure the consent of local library authorities to put books and pamphlets on the subject of International Good Will in the public library. The committee should be able to furnish the librarian with such a list.
7. To co-operate with other peace agencies in the community in the development of community programs featuring International Justice and Good Will.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Text Books

(Any book in this list may be procured through The Methodist Book Concern. Order from the nearest depository, unless otherwise noted.)

In compiling the following bibliography we have made selections that treat the subject from as many angles as possible without making the list so long as to be confusing. We have selected books as moderately priced as possible that are high grade and cover the subject comprehensively. Additional lists treating special phases of the subject will be given on request.

BETWEEN WAR AND PEACE

By FLORENCE BREWER BOECKEL

A Handbook for Peace Workers

We recommend it to all pastors, Sunday school teachers and church workers. The book is divided into four parts:

Part 1—Introduction: Focusing the demand for peace.

Part 2—Material of interest to special groups; education, church, women, commerce, labor, farmers, war veterans and young people.

Part 3—Introduction to further study of influences for and against world peace. In this division such subjects as the League of Nations, World Court, The Kellogg-Briand Peace Pact, Cost of War, Monroe Doctrine, Imperialism, Military Policy of the United States, International Reduction of Armaments, etc., are discussed.

Part 4—Materials for a working program—what you can do for peace. Everyone interested in the study of the subject of world peace and all who are actively working for it should own this book.—Order from National Council for Prevention of War, Washington, D. C. Price \$2.00.

Highways to International Good Will

By WALTER W. VAN KIRK

The purpose of this volume is to give a clearcut state-

ment of ways and means to International Understanding and Good Will. The author has accomplished the purpose to such an extent that every reader will lay down the book enthusiastic and optimistic regarding the outcome of present movements for international understanding. The book is not an argument for International Good Will, but shows that education, economics, diplomacy, science, the disarmament movement, the Church, religion in general, etc., all lead toward the cherished goal of modern civilization. Information found in these chapters is invaluable to students of modern-day movements.

The book has 13 chapters and is adaptable for use in Church-school classes, Church-training night courses, mid-week prayer services, and various study groups. Every Church-school class in Methodism should study this book for one quarter. It has been approved by the Curriculum Committee.

Teacher's Manual. Prepared by Dr. Albert E. Kirk of the Board of Education with scripture references and texts for use of Church school teachers. Every class will want to study this book for one quarter. Cloth. Price, net, \$1.00; by mail, \$1.10.

Thinking It Through

A Discussion on World Peace. World Peace Commission Edition.

By EVELYN RILEY NICHOLSON

The book is written in six chapters, but the study outline of lessons divides the text into thirteen divisions with subjects and scripture references, making the book very useful in Church-school classes, Church-training night courses, mid-week prayer services, and various study groups. The aim and purpose of the book is to show the destructiveness and futility of war, and Christ's way out. It discusses the resolutions of the last two General Conferences on the subject. It should be in every Methodist home and should be used extensively by Church schools. Paper. Price, net, 40 cents, postpaid.

War

A Program Unit for Seniors and Young People

By MARY HUNTER

A six weeks' course especially designed for Epworth League devotional meetings. It is studies in the nature of war, the causes of war, the results of war and what we can do to eliminate war. Paper. Price, 15 cents each; 2 for 25 cents.

The Turn Toward Peace

By FLORENCE BREWER BOECKEL

This book is designed especially for reading and study groups, societies, clubs and classes wishing to study the great movements toward world peace. It will prove especially valuable for women's clubs, men's forums and other community groups.

"The scope of the book is shown by its four divisions:

I. Why We Must Have Peace

II. Ways and Means of Settling Disputes Without War

III. What Delays the Abandonment of War?

IV. Forces Making for Peace."

Friendship Press, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York. Cloth. Price, net, \$1.00; paper, 60 cents.

Making the Peace Pact Effective

A reading and study course for adult Bible classes, young people's groups and societies. A course in four lessons.

Prepared and published by the Commission on International Justice and Good Will, of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America. May be ordered direct from them, 105 East 22nd Street, New York City, or from the World Peace Commission, Methodist Episcopal Church, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Price, 40 cents.

As stated elsewhere, Bishop McConnell is preparing a text book for the Commission. It will be ready by the latter part of 1931.

BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS ON VARIOUS PHASES OF THE SUBJECT

Books

The War-Method and the Peace-Method, William I. Hull, Ph.D.—Fleming H. Revell Company, New York, \$3.00. *An Historical Contrast. A study of the war-method clearly indicating its failure whenever and wherever used. The peace-method discussed in comparison with the war-method.*

The Red Harvest, Vincent G. Burns—The Macmillan Company, New York, \$3.75. *The Poet's Cry for Peace. An interesting anthology including poems on every phase of the war and peace problem.*

The Christian's Alternative to War, Leyton Richards—The Macmillan Company, New York, \$1.50. *The author shows how war leads to moral collapse on the field and at home; how it puts public opinion at the mercy of confessedly false propaganda; how peoples are compelled by it to submit to the dictates of governments; how Christians caught in its tide discard the Master's principles. He holds that a nation ought to be ready to suffer on a national Calvary, and that in such, non-resistance heroism is as genuine as in war.*

War as an Instrument of National Policy, and Its Renunciation in the Pact of Paris, James T. Shotwell—Harcourt, Brace & Co., New York, 1929, \$3.50. *Professor Shotwell has developed in this book "an original and profound story of the whole history and nature of war." It is a clear presentation of the forces that are now working for the elimination of war. He recites the story of the Paris Peace Pact with an analysis and exposition that is so detailed and penetrating that it may be accepted by students as final and authoritative. A discussion of war and the forces converging to eliminate it.*

Disarmament, Salvador de Madariaga—Coward-McCann, Inc., New York, \$5.00. *"A Comprehensive and Witty Study of the International Movement to Limit Armies and Navies." The author was for five years Chief of the Disarmament Section of the League of Nations Secretariat. "No book that has ever been published is so wise a study of the subject, so aware of facts and practical political difficulties, so sensible to the psychology of nations, and yet so full of foresight and potent imagination about future wars and their conse-*

quences to the health and happiness of all nations and races."

Imperialism and World Politics, Parker T. Moon—The Macmillan Company, New York, \$4.50. *The book is historical and analytical rather than controversial. It is written around ideas and interests rather than around the War. Its concluding chapter is devoted not to the indictment of any nation or any diplomatist, but to an evaluation of the past achievements and present problems of Imperialism. It is designed for the general reader as a survey of the causes and motives, the history and the effects of imperialist world politics during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.*

Essays on Nationalism, Carlton J. H. Hayes—The Macmillan Company, New York, \$3.00. *The definition of Nationalism. A history of its rise and propagation. A discussion of Nationalism as a religion. Its relation to International War, Militarism and Intolerance. The author admits there is much good in it but finds in the Nationalistic spirit the main source of Intolerance, Militarism and War.*

Educating for Peace, Elizabeth Miller and John Leslie Lobingier—The Pilgrim Press, Boston, \$2.00. *Peace education through home, school, Church and dramatization.*

Dollars and World Peace, Kirby Page—George H. Doran Company, New York, \$1.50. *A consideration of Nationalism, Industrialism and Imperialism. "Whether it is to be war or peace for our children will be determined primarily by what we do about our dollars in other lands." A frank discussion of the subject from the militaristic and Christian point of view.*

America's Naval Challenge, Frederick Moore—The Macmillan Company, New York, \$1.50. *The author was formerly a correspondent of the "Associated Press" in London and Peking, of the New York "Times" in those cities, and of the New York "Tribune" in Paris; an American Councillor in the Japanese Foreign Office in Tokyo. He is well qualified to write on the subject and develops in clear and convincing argument the fact that America's naval program has become a challenge to the world. Those who think our naval authorities are not "aggressive" should read this book.*

Origins of the World War, Sidney B. Fay—The Macmillan Company, New York, 2 volumes, \$9.00. *A most thoroughgoing and authentic study of the origins and causes of the World War. Those who think that the responsibility for the war rests upon one nation, one individual, or a small group of individuals, should read these two volumes. (You should be able to secure them at the local public library.)*

Falsehood in War-Time, Arthur Ponsonby—E. P. Dutton & Co., New York, \$2.00. *"An amazing collection of carefully documented lies circulated in Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy and America during the Great War." A forceful presentation of the lies used by the nations on both sides in the World War to make their people fighting mad. A convincing array of facts which prove beyond doubt that the first casualty in every war is "truth." No nation at war will "tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth."*

The War Myth in U. S. History, C. H. Hamlin—Vanguard Press, New York, 50 cents. *A discussion of the real causes of the six major wars fought by the United States. "School-boy illusions and Fourth-of-July orations are exploded sky high. The bitter truth is frankly and calmly told—told by an American who loves his country and when it is in the wrong, wants it set right."*

Now It Can Be Told, Sir Philip Gibbs—Harper & Bros., New York and London, \$3.00. *The author, Sir Philip Gibbs, here tells many startling things that could not be told until after the World War. "He has singled the permanent values out of the bewildering world panorama of the past few wars. He comes with a new vision to which the world is just awakening."* To all those who wish to get at the honest facts during those bloody days, this book is indispensable.

War! Behind the Smoke Screen, William C. Allen—John C. Winston Company, Philadelphia, \$1.50. *A picture of modern warfare in all its folly and futility. An indictment of the war system and those who are responsible for it. Especially is it a terrible warning to ecclesiastical systems, which have been all too easily bewitched by a false nationalism.*

War for Profits, Otto Lehmann-Russbuldt—Alfred H. King, New York, \$1.75. *An outstanding revelation of the unpatriotic practices of war supply manufacturers in selling both foe and friend.*

Hey! Yellowbacks! Ernest L. Meyer—The John Day Company, New York, \$2.00. *The War Diary of a Conscientious Objector. His experience in college, camp and prison. Should be read by every citizen of the land.*

All Quiet on the Western Front, Erich Maria Remarque—Little, Brown and Company, Boston, \$2.50. *The experiences of a German soldier and his comrades. The most stirring and thrilling war story written to date. The reader gets a glimpse of war as it really is.*

Plays and Pageants

Four Peace Plays with Worship Services. Here is just the book you need for your young people's Sunday evening services. There are four plays, each preceded with a worship service. Each play presents some phase of World Peace, such as decision between the sword and Christ's way, Good Will as a means of National Defense, and the Paris Peace Pact. Two of these plays are by Lydia Glover Deseo, of the Division of Pageantry of the World Service, and the other two by Helen L. Willcox. Their aim is to dramatize the high ideals of International Good Will in an atmosphere of worship. Paper. Price, net, 35 cents, postpaid.

(The following may be ordered from World Peace Commission, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, unless otherwise specified.)

The March of the Nations, by Essie V. Hathaway. A pageant written for the Tenth Anniversary of the organization of the League of Nations. Small Churches with only a few participants can use the pageant, as well as larger Churches with a greater number of participants. Price, 20 cents.

The Nations Talk About Peace. A round table discussion giving many valuable facts and much interesting information. Price, 10 cents.

Text for a Model Council Session of the League of Nations, by G. Bernard Noble. Complete instructions for staging a model council session of the League with speeches taken from those made at the 48th, 54th and 55th sessions. Price, 10 cents.

Your Court and the World's, by C. Sumner Osgood. A play which gives a general idea of the World Court as it exists today. Price, 10 cents.

New Outline for Model Assemblies, educational publication No. 8 of the League of Nations Association. Complete instructions for staging a model assembly of the League of Nations with extracts from rules of

procedure, information bulletins and typical agenda for original collegiate assembly, as well as high school verbatim assembly, and inter-high school assemblies. Price, 10 cents.

Pamphlets

Danger Zones of the Social Order. Facts concerning economic, international, racial, political and moral problems, by Sherwood Eddy and Kirby Page. 15 cents.

The Background of the London Naval Conference. 25 cents.

A Ten Year Review of The League of Nations. Official textbook for the fourth national competitive examination on The League of Nations for high school students. Price, 15 cents.

Poem—"Satan and Christ in Flanders." Marcus D. Buell. Free.

The Problem of Disarmament, by Beatrice Pitney. 10 cents.

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The League of Nations. A Summary of its organization and accomplishments during ten years, by Raymond Leslie Buell. 10 cents.

The Pan-American Treaties of 1929, by Beatrice Pitney. 10 cents.

The Root Formula and the World Court. 10 cents.

The Advisory Opinions of the World Court, by Manley O. Hudson. 5 cents.

The Abolition of War. The case against war and questions and answers concerning war, by Sherwood Eddy and Kirby Page. 15 cents.

What Do You Know About Naval Disarmament? by Beatrice Pitney. 5 cents.

Progress of the Centuries Toward World Organization, by Florence Brewer Boeckel. 5 cents.

So This Is War! A Study of "Popularized" Military Training in educational institutions and citizens' military training camps (girl colonels and lady sponsors). Free.

The Camel and the Arab, by H. C. Engelbrecht. Free.

Don't Be Silly, by Zona Gale. Free.

The Army and Propaganda Power, by Hon. Ross A. Collins. Free.

Poster, Paris Peace Pact in red, white and blue. 5 cents.

Chemical Warfare—Its Possibilities and Probabilities, Elvira K. Fradkin—Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. 5 cents.

The World Court, the history, organization and work of the Court—the United States and the Court. This brief survey is presented as a clear and authoritative statement to those who wish to understand the Permanent Court of International Justice (the "World Court") on the basis of the facts of its origin, tradition, organization and accomplishment. Free in limited quantities.

The World Court: Fifty questions answered. Free in limited quantities.

The War Department ■ Educator, by Professor George A. Coe. Prepared for use at a conference of the editors of religious journals to show just what it means to have our War Department educating our youth. Price, 10 cents.

Jesus or Christianity. A study in contrasts, by Kirby Page. 15 cents.

A National Peace Department. Practical suggestions for a peace budget of \$100,000,000 for the purpose of a national peace program, by Kirby Page. 15 cents

The New World Road Guide. A discussion of the new roads for nations to travel by way of the World Court, League of Nations, etc., Educational Department, League of Nations Association. 10 cents.

A Great Modern Adventure. The task of achieving world unity. A course for five discussion periods on the question of international relations and world peace for Epworth League Institutes and mid-winter Institutes. Practical questions for discussion with references for material. 5 cents.

TEXT BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

Books of Goodwill—

Volume 1—**Through the Gateway**, in boards, 75 cents per copy.

Volume 2—**Across the Borderlines**, 85 cents per copy.
(\$1.25 a set, volumes 1 and 2.)

National Council for Prevention of War, Washington, D. C.

The Bible and War, Joseph B. Matthews—The Department of Epworth League Board of Education, Methodist Episcopal Church, Chicago, Illinois. 15 cents.

How Can We Work for Peace? Joseph B. Matthews—The Department of Epworth League Board of Education, Methodist Episcopal Church, Chicago, Illinois. 15 cents.

PEACE HYMNS

A collection of twenty-one hymns of world peace and the Holy Spirit written by Harry Webb Farrington, including the Airmen's hymn, a Harvard prize hymn, a Homiletic Review prize hymn, and a most excellent "hymn of world friendship for juniors," entitled "All the World." Secured only from the World Peace Commission. Price, sample, 5 cents; dozen, 50 cents; one hundred, \$4.00.

REPORT

A summary of the report of Executive Secretary of the World Peace Commission, Methodist Episcopal Church, November 1, 1928, to September 30, 1930. Free.

PERIODICALS

In addition to our regular Methodist Church papers commonly called the "Advocates," which carry almost every week some article on Internationalism and World Peace, and which should be in every home, we recommend the following:

The World Tomorrow, 52 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York, \$2.00 a year. The only magazine published with a major emphasis on International Relations from a Christian point of view.

League of Nations News, 6 East 39th Street, New York, \$1.00 a year. Publishes monthly news items of the accomplishments and activities of the League of Nations—authentic information.

News Bulletin, National Council for Prevention of War, Washington, D. C., issued monthly, 50 cents a year. Carries monthly up-to-date information regarding the legislative situation in Washington and interesting news of the peace and war question from all parts of the world. Valuable to all who wish to keep up-to-date on this question.

Satan and Christ in Flan

ARMISTICE DAY, 1918

*"The Thief cometh but to kill: I am come
Life." (John 10: 10)*

*"He took bread . . . and gave to them
they knew him." (Luke 24: 30, 31)*

From out of the trenches, a ghastly Infe
Came Youth, disillusioned and heart-sick
ring

War's worship of Satan, who changes Chr
cepts:

("Thou shalt love thy Lord God, and thine
into

"Thou shalt *hate*; Thou shalt *kill*. Like
Christian soldier

Thou shalt drive thy keen blade throu
enemy's body"—

To a hut where a "Sally" served dough
coffee.

"Come in!" cried the Chaplain. "We'll sin
to Jesus'!"

Then low murmured one with an agoni
science,

"Jesus Christ is not here: this is Satan's d
Prince of Peace, Son of God, He would ne
give us

For shedding the blood of men made in H
He could never forgive us."

Then answered the Chaplain,

"Into hell He descended and preached
spirits,

Showed His hands and His feet and His si
the wound-prints;

Prayed, 'Father, forgive them, the soldi
pierced me.'—

Come to Jesus! He's here. He forgives a
saying,

'Eat, drink and give thanks in remembranc
Go in peace. Sin no more.'"

"But, Padre! What means this strange s
of gun-fire?"

"It's the end of the War,—there's an A
Buddy!!"

"Then I swear, by Christ's cross and H
compassion,

I will nevermore enter this SERVICE
SATAN!"*

—Marcus D.

* See *"All Quiet on the Western Front."*

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